

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

On Range Report

April 23, 2015

Appropriate Management Level



179 HMA's

AML 26,684

Horses 23,764

Burros 2,920

Current Population

2014 49,209 animals On Range

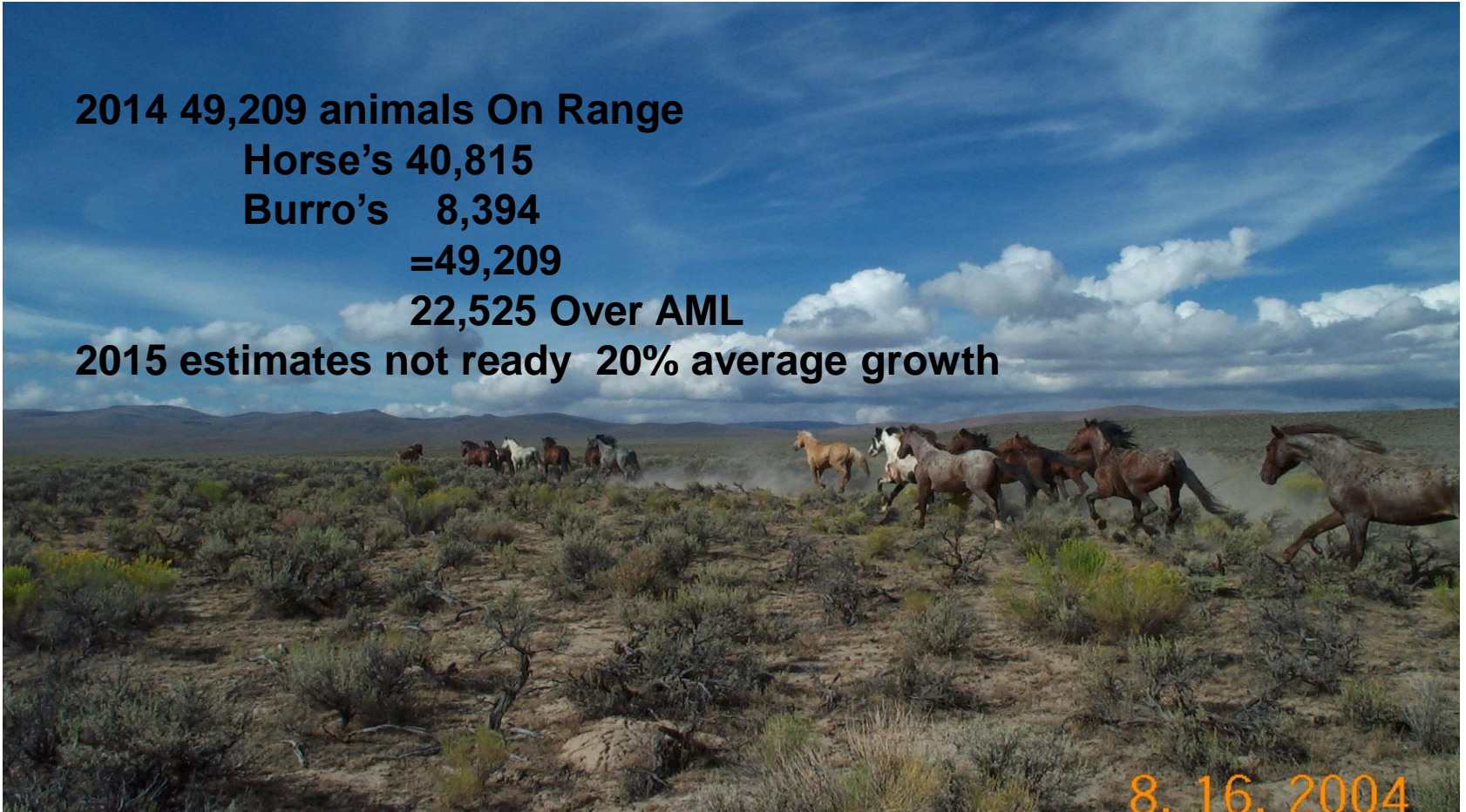
Horse's 40,815

Burro's 8,394

=49,209

22,525 Over AML

2015 estimates not ready 20% average growth



8. 16. 2004

FY 15 Gathers

HMA's Helicopter Gathers

12 HMAs completed
1,827 removed
179 PZP treated

3 HMA's summer gather
277 proposed for removal
0 PZP

Water/Bait Trap

87 removed
0 PZP

Summer Operations
269 proposed removal
10 treated PZP

PZP Treatment no gather no removal (darting)
402 proposed



Programmatic EIS

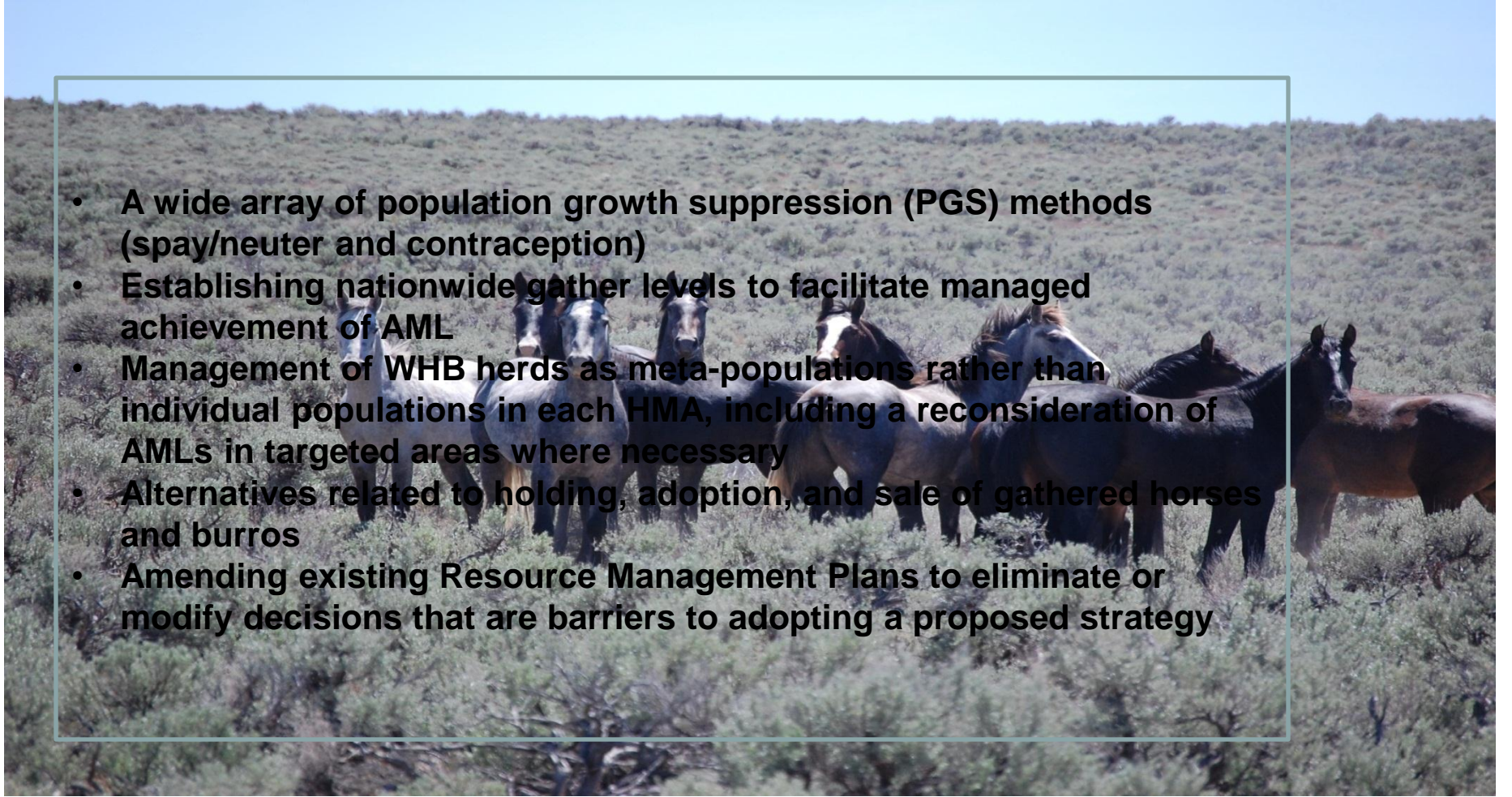
Completion of a PEIS being Considered

Possible Schedule

- Request for Proposals from potential Contractors 2015
- Select Contractor 2015
- Scoping Meetings 2015
 - 10+ Scoping Meetings
- 2-3 Year Process
- Draft EIS Spring 2017



Programmatic EIS

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- A photograph of a herd of wild horses and burros in a grassy field. The animals are of various colors, including white, grey, brown, and black. They are standing in a line, facing the camera. The background is a clear blue sky and a line of trees in the distance.
- A wide array of population growth suppression (PGS) methods (spay/neuter and contraception)
 - Establishing nationwide gather levels to facilitate managed achievement of AML
 - Management of WHB herds as meta-populations rather than individual populations in each HMA, including a reconsideration of AMLs in targeted areas where necessary
 - Alternatives related to holding, adoption, and sale of gathered horses and burros
 - Amending existing Resource Management Plans to eliminate or modify decisions that are barriers to adopting a proposed strategy

Anticipated Issues and Management Concerns

- **WHB health and welfare, reproductive physiology, genetic diversity, and population dynamics**
- **Threatened and endangered, sensitive, and other special status species conservation and recovery, including impacts to critical habitat**
- **Impacts to other wildlife populations and habitat**
- **Coordination with sage grouse conservation efforts**
- **Prevalence and expansion of non-native invasive and noxious species**
- **Impacts to livestock grazing and forage**
- **Impacts to nearby non-federally administered land**
- **Riparian and wetland conditions**
- **Soil conditions**
- **Watershed health and landscape-level restoration**
- **Socioeconomic impacts to nearby communities and public land users**

01.12.2006

Questions

09.21.2005

Research

- **USGS Research**
- **RFA 2014 Request for New or Refined Fertility Control Techniques**
 - **24 proposals received**
 - **Proposals reviewed by Nation Academy of Sciences (NAS)**
 - **Proposals recommended by NAS**
 - **BLM working to award all or part of the proposals**

